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PATENT
v.f.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Trygve GULBRANDSEN *et al.*

Filed: Herewith on April 21, 1997

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
OF CONTRAST AGENTS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 11, line 1, delete "or claim 10".

Please add the following claim to the application:

--12. A process as claimed in claim 10, being a process for the preparation of a
contrast agent selected from the group consisting of iomeprol, ioversol, ioxilan, iotrolan,
ioxaglate, iodecimol, 2-iopyrol, 2-iopiperidol, iohexol, iopentol and iodixanol.--

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to remove the multiple dependency
from claim 11 and reintroduce the cancelled subject matter as new claim 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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